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SUBJECT: THREAT LETTER

REF: SPOT REPORT DATED 02/01/2005

Classified By: RSO MARC RAMOS FOR REASON 1.4(F) AND (G)

[11.](#) (SBU) - BEGIN SUMMARY- On 02/01/2005 at 1100 hours, the Embassy's Human Resources assistant passed an envelope to the RSO indicating that enclosed in the envelope was a threat letter. After careful review of the letter, RSO immediately notified Post Management, Host Nation security services and U.S. Military personnel at Camp Lemonier. The Djiboutian National Security Service is pursuing the nature and validity of the threat and will continue to keep the RSO informed of any updates. - END SUMMARY-

[12.](#) (SBU) On 02/01/2005 at 1100 hours, RSO was notified by the Human Resources assistant that a letter was discovered in the employment application box located outside of the compound perimeter adjacent to the Compound Access Control (CAC). This box is readily available to the public after visitors have been screened by perimeter security. The letter is written on the front and back of two sheets of note paper enclosed in a standard letter envelope and post marked in Djibouti on 12 January, 2005.

[13.](#) (S) The letter is addressed to the U.S. Embassy's local address and the return address reads, "from Mohamed Elmi, C/O Mued Souban, P.O. Box 7474, Djibouti". The letter is written in poor English, but the writing is legible and neat. At the top of the first page of the letter is written "From President of Association Jobless Men of Local Djiboutians; Address Rue 2 Q7 Biss, Tel. 34-15-33, Djibouti City". Underneath the address in large letters are the words "Warning to US". Although the writing is difficult to make sense of, it is clear that the author is attempting to threaten the Embassy and Kellogg, Brown & Root (KBR - DOD contractor located at Camp Lemonier for the results of both organizations employment procedures. Several warnings are written in the letter to include "we will destroy you," "he who warned you - has not yet killed you," and "warning to U.S. citizen." Another telephone number, 83-22-55, is written on the third page as the point of contact number.

[14.](#) (S) Upon receipt of the letter, RSO immediately notified the Djiboutian National Security Service (DNSS) and requested that swift action be taken to identify, detain and question the individual(s) responsible for the letter. As of the morning of 02/02/2005, the DNSS had not located the individual(s), but do feel confident that they will be successful. In an effort to not scare away the suspects by contacting them directly, the DNSS has requested that RSO assist in a ruse to lure the suspect to the Embassy. RSO will make attempts to contact the individual via the telephone numbers provided and schedule a meeting to hear his complaint at which time DNSS officers will detain the individual outside of the Embassy compound.

[15.](#) (S) RSO assessment - RSO Djibouti does not believe this particular threat to be of much value. On several occasions, disgruntled former KBR employees have voiced their discontent with the employment practices of the labor brokers that KBR must contract with, but no complaint has ever resulted in anything more than empty threats. Although the bulk of the labor problems is focused at KBR, the perception of the local people is that the Embassy is the official representation of the U.S. Government and should act to correct any injustice. There are no indicators that Americans are at threat from a local uprising. RSO believes that this letter is the product of a disgruntled employee who believes that by airing his issues to the U.S. Embassy he will gain more attention. RSO will follow up with the DNSS to resolve this issue as quick as possible.

[16.](#) (SBU) RSO requests that DS conduct all appropriate checks of the telephone numbers provided. RSO will provide updates via DS Spot Report as soon as available. In addition, scanned copies of the letter will be provided upon request.

[17.](#) (U) POC is RSO Marc Ramos at 253-35-39-95 or 253-35-09-49 (secure).
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